## **PUBLIC NOTICE**

Health and Disability Waiver Renewal

Pursuant to the authority of Iowa Code Section 249A.4, the Iowa Department of Human Services (DHS) intends to renew the Home and Community Based services (HCBS) Health and Disability (HD) Waiver. This notice provides details about the waiver renewal and serves to open the 30-day public comment period which closes on October 27, 2017.

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) authorizes 1915(c) HCBS Waivers for a period of five years. The HD Waiver renewal application does not include any substantive changes to the currently approved waiver. The renewal application does reflect new federal managed care regulations for processing participant grievances and appeals through the MCOs.

The HCBS HD Waiver application and this public notice are available at: <a href="https://dhs.iowa.gov/public-notices/health\_disability\_waiver\_renewal">https://dhs.iowa.gov/public-notices/health\_disability\_waiver\_renewal</a>. To reach all stakeholders, non-electronic copies will be made available for review at the DHS Field Offices.

Prior to finalizing, DHS will consider all written comments received. The comments will be summarized and addressed in the final renewal application submitted to CMS.

Written comments may be addressed to: Lin Christensen, Department of Human Services, Iowa Medicaid Enterprise, 100 Army Post Road, Des Moines, Iowa 50315. All comments must be received by October 27, 2017. Comments may also be sent via electronic mail to <a href="mailto:lchrist@dhs.state.ia.us">lchrist@dhs.state.ia.us</a>

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